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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 2878

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SUBJECT: REPORTED DISCRIMINATORY GOE FISHING REGULATION: PROPOSED

AIDE MEMOIRE

REF: QUITO 2877

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH WE PROPOSE TO LEAVE WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER RODRIGO VALDEZ, IF COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED IN REFERENCE IS APPROVED. ONCE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED WE WILL ADVISE DATE AND TIME OF APPOINTMENT WITH VALDEZ SO THAT IT CAN BE COORDINATED WITH PARALLEL DEMARCHE TO QUEVEDO.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

REFERRING TO THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE COUNSELOR OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY, HIS EXCELLENCY WILL RECALL THE DISCUSSION OF THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS FOR SUPREME DECREE #178 OF FEBRUARY 12, 1974,  
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NOW BEING DRAFTED BY THE NATIONAL FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

COUNCIL.

IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ONE OF THE MEASURES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COUNCIL IS A PROHIBITION ON THE GRANTING OF FISHING LICENSES TO ANY FOREIGN FLAG VESSEL OF OVER 500 NET REGISTERED TONS. WERE THIS PROVISION TO BE IMPLEMENTED, ANY FOREIGN FLAG VESSEL WITH A GREATER CAPACITY WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM FISHING IN ECUADOR'S CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS.

SINCE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS PARTICIPATES IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, WE WISH TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING TO THE MINISTRY'S ATTENTION WHAT WE BELIEVE WOULD BE SOME OF THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MEASURE.

IN THE FIRST INSTANCE EXCLUSION OF TUNA VESSELS OF OVER 500 NET REGISTERED TONS WOULD AFFECT THE MOST MODERNIZED SEGMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TUNA INDUSTRY, THAT VERY SEGMENT WITH WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ECUADOREAN TUNA INTERESTS WISH TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM OF ASSOCIATION COOPERATION.

SECOND, AS RECENTLY AS APRIL 23, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMANN GAINED THE IMPRESSION FROM HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO THAT FROM ECUADOR'S POINT OF VIEW THERE WERE NO FURTHER OBSTACLES TO PROCEEDING WITH INDUSTRY-TO-INDUSTRY FISHING TALKS. WE BELIEVE IF STEPS ARE TAKEN NOW TO ENTIRELY EXCLUDE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR TUNA FLEET FROM CLAIMED ECUADOREAN WATERS, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR OUR TUNA INDUSTRY TO ENGAGE IN SUCH TALKS.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, THEREFORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDER DEFERRING ANY MEASURE WHICH DISCRIMINATES AGAINST CERTAIN FOREIGN FLAG TUNA VESSELS PENDING AT LEAST THE

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OUTCOME OF INDUSTRY-TO-INDUSTRY FISHING TALKS TO WHICH BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE.  
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